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Patrick,

Attached are my comments that I made at the January 19, 2012 Planning Commission Study session to be included in your records.

Please acknowledge you receipt of this information.

Ron Frankiewicz

Newport Beach Planning Commission Study Session
January 19, 2012

On behalf of my fellow Westside Costa Mesa residents, I want to ask for your support in getting the 19th St bridge off the Master Plan. We along with Huntington Beach eastside residents do not want the increased traffic flow in our quiet communities. We do not want our homes demolished so that autos can save a few minutes coming & going to the beach. Let me remind you that there is a bridge already just 2700' away. Mr. Rosansky was quoted in the paper after the January bridge meeting that we would be sorry 20 yrs from now if the bridge is not built. I agree that we will be sorry 20 yrs from now, we will be sorry if Banning Ranch is not set aside for open space. We know that the bridge will enhance the Banning Ranch development. Why else would talks about building the bridge be revived at same time of Banning Ranching development discussions. Why else would Mike Mohler, Banning Ranch developer, be at the bridge meeting?

You probably think it is silly or futile to think of Banning Ranch as open space for all to enjoy. That is probably what city official thought back in the mid 60's when Frank & Fran Robinson fought to protect the Back Bay from development. Can you imagine today the Back Bay developed with limited use for citizens? Today it is a gem for school children, hikers, bikers & bird watchers. Think of what Banning Ranch could be connected to the Talbert Nature and Fairview Park. An oasis in Orange County.

What about the cost of building a bridge, \$150,000,000? I asked OCTA if this included the cost of eminent domain and 19th st mitigation. They said no, it is just for the bridge. Add another 30-50 Mil for home demolition and street mitigation. By the time the bridge is to be built, the cost would probably be higher.

Traffic projections call for increased traffic and that is one of the factors per the officials for building the bridge. If future traffic is so horrendous, why build Banning Ranch putting even more traffic on overburdened roads? If is house is on fire, do you throw more gas on the fire to save it?

Ron Frankiewicz
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